

REMARKS

The disclosure is objected to because on page 2, line 0011 of the specification, Figures 1a-e should be written as Figures 1a-f. Appropriate correction is required.

A change to the specification on page 2, paragraph [0011] has been made to correct the numbering of Figures 1a-f.

Claims 1 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Oda (US 6,831,692). Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claim 1 was amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3, and claim 3 was cancelled. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is believed to be patentable over the prior art.

Claim 10 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC 102(e) is believed to be moot.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oda (US 6,831,692), in view of Ginosar (US 5,247,366).

By this amendment, claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 103(a) is believed to be moot.

Claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihara (US 6,088,059), in view of Oda (US 6,831,692). In addition, claims 3, 6 and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claim 4 was amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6. New claim 11 has been added which incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 7 into claim 4. Accordingly, amended claim 4 and new claim 11 are believed to be patentable over the prior art.

Claims 5-9 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 5, 8 and 9 under 35 USC 103(a) are believed to be moot.

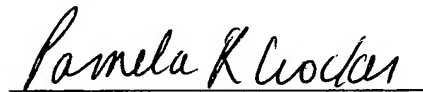
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call to attend to these matters.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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